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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL NIACT IMMEDIATE

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ATHENS FOR KABUL DELEGATION

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TAGS: POIP, AF, US

SUBJECT: DRA CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO SECRETARY VANCE

REF: STATE 38998

1. (U - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM AFGHAN VICE PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAFIZULLAH AMIN WAS RECEIVED DEPT 14 FEB AT 3:29 GMT. MESSAGE WAS APPARENTLY TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE DEPT THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS DISTRIBUTED ROUTINELY WITHIN THE DEPT AND THUS WE WERE UNAWARE OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE UNTIL NOW. TEXT FOLLOWS:

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HIS EXCELLENCY GYRUS VANCE

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, DC

DUE TO THE TRAGIC AND UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS I CONVEY MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND TO MRS. DUBS AND HIS BEREAVED FAMILY. I ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT NO EFFORTS WERE SPARED BY THE AFGHAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE LAST AMBASSADOR DUBS FROM THE COWARDLY ACT OF THE ARMED TERRORISTS WHO TOOK HIM HOSTAGE AND INFLECTED ON HIM WOUNDS RESULTING IN HIS SUBSEQUENT DEATH. ONCE AGAIN I CONVEY MY DEEP SORROWS AND REGRETS ON THE SAD DEMISE OF YOUR VERY ABLE AMBASSADOR WHO WAS KNOWN AS A GOOD FRIEND OF AFGHANISTAN.

SINCERELY  
HAFFIZULLAH AMIN  
VICE PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

END TEXT.

3. FOR KABUL: REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE REFTEL MAY HAVE CAUSED YOU. STILL CHECKING ON TARAKI MESSAGE.

4. ACTION ATHENS: PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE TO PARTY ABOARD SPECIAL MISSION AIRCRAFT TO KABUL. CHRISTOPHER

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